**September Newsletter**

Dear Families,

Wow! What a great first week. I have enjoyed meeting your children, getting to know them and learning about the things that are of interest to them. They are working very hard and are becoming familiar with our first grade classroom and routines. We are very busy and active all day long. I am sure they come home quite tired. It is exhausting work being a first grader however they are a happy joyful group of children.

Our class will be working on a class newsletter. This newsletter will come home weekly. It will explain what we have covered during that week in our first grade curriculum, as well as other activities we will be participating in. It will include news from the children in our class. During the year every child will get a chance to report something in the newsletter that they may want to share. It is a great literacy tool in our classroom.

I ask that you read to or with your child for at least 20 minutes a night. This time should be increased as the year goes on. It should be a fun experience where you may read to them or you may take turns reading with them. Soon they may be reading to you. Above all it should be a fun and happy time. Math homework from our Investigations program may come home as well. Directions are always provided. These are usually fun games that you can play and enjoy with your child.

Please remember to send your child to school daily with two snacks. We will have one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We are a very hungry group! A refillable water bottle can also be sent in that can be keep on their desk. We are a thirsty group as well.

Our parent night at Chester Elementary School will be held on Thursday, September 15th. I will explain our school day and the first grade curriculum. You will also have a chance to sign up for the Parent Teacher conferences. More information will come home shortly regarding the time open house will be held.

I am looking forward to a great year working with your children and each and every one of you. We are a team working together with the best interest of your child always in mind. Your children will always come first. As always please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns. I will return you calls as soon as possible.

I look forward to meeting all of you next week at open house and working together with you so your child can have a productive, wonderful, relaxing and joyful first grade experience.

Best regards,

Linda